

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, Thursday, June 23, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Don Campbell presiding. Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain.

Under direction from the President, the Secretary carried to the House, for the signature of the Speaker, enrolled bills "An Act to confirm the compromises and settlements between the city of Galveston, the Galveston City Company, the Houston and Galveston Wharf and Press Company, and the Galveston Wharf Company."

Also, "An Act authorizing Vaughan, Safford and Smith to construct a bridge across the Guadalupe river at or near the town of Seguin, Guadalupe county, Texas."

Message from the House, by Chief Clerk, informing the Senate that the Speaker of the House had signed in open session enrolled bill "An Act to confirm the compromises and settlements between the city of Galveston, the Galveston City Company, the Houston and Galveston Wharf and Press Company, and the Galveston Wharf Company."

Also, "An Act authorizing Vaughan, Safford and Smith to construct a bridge across the Guadalupe river at or near the town of Seguin, Guadalupe county, Texas," whereupon they were signed by the President of the Senate.

Under direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House House bill No. 2, "An Act making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of the members, and the per diem pay of the officers and employes of the Twelfth Legislature of the State of Texas."

On motion of Senator Priest, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Senator Fountain moved that the select committee be authorized to employ a phonographer. Lost.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Parsons, "An Act to incorporate the Houston and San Jacinto Canal and Navigation Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Gaines, an act entitled "An Act to punish the commission of crime."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Also, "An Act for the incorporation of the Freedman's Union Mutual Life Insurance and Trust Company of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Mills: A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the public printing."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Bell: A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and require the clerks of the district courts to grant letters testamentary and of administration according to the laws now in force."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Ruby: "An Act entitled an act to incorporate the Red River and Rio Grande Railway Company."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Also, "An Act to incorporate the Saving and Trust Company of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Mills moved suspension of rules to take up substitute for Senate bill No. 165, "An Act making an appropriation for certain purposes."

Rules suspended and bill read second time, and passed to engrossment; and on further motion of Senator Mills the rules were suspended and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage.

Yeas and nays taken on final passage. Result as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Alford, Baker, Bell, Evans, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—20.

Nays—None.

Under arrest, not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer, Pickett—8.

Excused from voting—Dohoney.

Bill passed.

Senator Ruby moved suspension of rules to take up House bill No. 12, "An Act to incorporate the Island City Real Estate and Homestead Association."

Rules suspended and bill read first time.

Senator Ruby moved a further suspension of rules to put the bill upon its second reading.

Rules suspended and bill read second time, and on further suspension of rules the bill was read third time.

Yeas and nays taken on final passage.

Yeas—Mr. President, Alford, Baker, Bell, Dohoney, Evans,

Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Shannon—20.

Nays—None.

Under arrest, not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer, Pickett—8.

Absent—Saylor.

Bill passed.

Senator Ruby moved suspension of rules to take up Senate bill No. 78, "An Act concerning the levy of taxes for Bexar county."

Rules suspended and bill read second time and passed to engrossment.

Pending reading of bill, message from the House by Chief Clerk, informing the Senate that the Speaker had signed in open session enrolled bill "An Act to provide for the enrollment of the Militia, the organization and discipline of the State Guards and for the public defense," whereupon it was signed by the President and returned to the House.

Senate bill No. 78 resumed.

Senator Ruby moved suspension of rules to put the bill on its third reading and final passage.

Rules suspended and bill read third time and passed.

Message from the House by Chief Clerk, informing the Senate that the Speaker had signed in open session enrolled bill "An Act making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of the members and per diem pay of the officers and employes of the Twelfth Legislature of the State of Texas," whereupon it was signed by the President and returned to the House.

Under direction of the President, the Secretary carried to the House House bill No. 12, "An Act to incorporate the Island City Real Estate and Homestead Association."

Senator Baker moved suspension of rules to take up Senate bill No. 112, "An Act to provide for levying a special tax in Caldwell county, for the purpose of relieving the county from indebtedness and building a county jail."

Rules suspended and bill read second time and passed to engrossment, and on further motion of Senator Baker, the rules were suspended and bill read third time and passed.

Senator Fountain moved suspension of rules to introduce "An Act making an appropriation to defray the contingent and printing expenses of the Twelfth Legislature of the State of Texas."

Yeas and nays called for; result as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Alford, Baker, Bell, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor—18.

Nays—Dohoney, Evans, Shannon—3.

Under arrest, not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer, Pickett—8.

Rules suspended.

Bill read first time.

Senator Fountain moved suspension of rules to put the bill on second reading.

Yeas and nays called for. Result as follows :

Yeas—Mr. President, Alford, Baker, Bell, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor—18.

Nays—Dohoney, Evans, Shannon—3.

Under arrest not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer, Picket—8.

Rules suspended and bill read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senator Fountain moved further suspension of rules to put the bill on third reading and final passage.

Yeas and nays called for. Result as follows :

Yeas—Mr. President, Alford, Baker, Bell, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor—18.

Nays—Dohoney, Evans, Shannon—3.

Rules suspended. Bill read third time.

Yeas and nays called for on final passage. Result as follows :

Yeas—Mr. President, Alford, Baker, Bell, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor—18.

Nays—Dohoney, Evans, Shannon—3.

Under arrest not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer, Picket—8.

Bill passed.

Senator Dohoney moved suspension of rules to take up Senate bill No. 99, "An Act to authorize incorporated towns and cities of the State of Texas to elect municipal officers.

Yeas and nays called for. Result as follows :

Yeas—Alford, Bell, Dohoney, Evans, Priest, Pyle, Shannon—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Baker, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pridgen, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor—14.

Under arrest not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer, Picket—8.

So the Senate refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Senato Pettit, the rules were suspended to take up

House bill No. 255, "An Act to authorize the Governor to procure from the archives of the old Spanish missions the history of this State prior to 1793, and to make appropriation for the same."

Bill read first time.

Senator Pettit moved a further suspension to put the bill on its second reading.

Yeas and nays called for. Result as follows :

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor—17.

Nays—Alford, Dohoney, Evans, Shannon—4.

Under arrest not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer, Pickett—8.

Rules suspended.

Bill read second time.

Senator Pettit moved further suspension of rules and bill be put upon its third reading and final passage.

Yeas and nays called for ; result as follows :

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor—15.

Nays—Alford, Dohoney, Evans, Priest, Pridgen, Shannon—6.

Under arrest not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer, Pickett—8.

So the Senate refused to suspend the rules, four-fifths not voting in the affirmative.

Senator Ford moved suspension of rules to take up Senate bill No. 82, "An Act to incorporate Waco Tap Railroad Company."

Rules suspended and bill read second time, and on motion of Senator Fountain the rules were suspended and bill made the special order for Saturday, June 25.

Senator Ruby moved suspension of rules to take up House bill No. 21, "An Act to incorporate the Texas Banking and Insurance Company."

Rules suspended, and on motion of Senator Mills the bill was made the special order for Thursday next.

Senator Parsons offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Select Committee appointed by the Senate to visit and report on the recent State Fair at the city of Houston, be allowed for their expenses the rate allowed for mileage to members traveling to and from their homes to the capital, and that the Comptroller is hereby instructed and authorized to audit and allow the same.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Hall moved suspension of rules to take up Senate bill No. 40.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Senator Evans the Senate adjourned.